Non-implementation of Government fixed prices

459. SHRI SIKANDER BAKHT:
SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2883 given in the Rajya Sabha on 3rd September, 1990 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Flucort range of formulations are still being sold at old higher risk prices;

(b) what is the period within which the prices fixed by Government are to be implemented according to Drugs Price Control Order; 1987;

(c) what are the details of betches produced after the fixation of reduced prices and when were these batches introduced in the market;

(d) what are the names of medicines for which his Ministry reduced the prices during the year 1990 and in how many cases, the price have not been implemented so far; and

(e) what are the reasons for non implementation in each case and what are the details of action taken?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA): (a) The Company has informed that they have implemented the price fixed by the Government.

(b) As per the provisions of DPCO 1987, the revised prices are required to be implemented within 15 days of the receipt of the order.

(c) Details will be collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(d) and (e) The price revision is a continuous exercise in which both decrease and increase take place. The information asked for is too voluminous and is not commensurate with the results likely to be achieved. However, whenever instances of the non-implementation of the price comes to the notice of the Government, necessary action as per the provisions of DPCO, 1987 is taken.

Prices of Dexamethasone Formulations

460. SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN:
SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the manufacturers of Dexamethasone formulations for human and veterinary use are over charging the prices;

(b) what are the fixed prices of these formulations and since when these are applicable;

(c) what are the prices at which these are being sold at present;

(d) what is the notified price of Dexamethasone and its salts and when were these prices fixed;

(e) whether it is a fact that Dexamethasone is being imported in the country;

(f) if so, what is the landed price of the same and at what price the formulation prices have been fixed;

(g) whether it is a fact that Dexamethasone is being produced in the country from intermediate stage; and

(h) if so, names of intermediate and the names of the producers producing from this stage?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA): (a) and (b) M/s. Megind (I) Ltd. is charging the prices of Dexamethasone formulations based on the stay granted to the company by the Bombay High Ciurt. The prices in respact of the other companies are being verified.

(b) Ceiling prices as fixed by the Government under Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1987 in respect of some packs are given below:—